**Krishi Vigyan Kendras**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country;

(b) if so, when this plan was started in the country and the total amount spent on these KVKs during the years 2004-05,2005-06 and 2006-07;

(c) the number of these kendras along with the names of the States where the same have been set up as on 30th April, 2007; and

(d) the responsibilities these kendras have been entrusted with and the actual response on their carrying out of these responsibilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have sanctioned a network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in the country.

(b) The first KVK was sanctioned during 1974. Rs. 162.42, 241.04, and 271.26 Crore were spent for the KVKs during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.

(c) Till April 2007, 551 KVKs were sanctioned. The State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* bleow).

(d) The responsibilities of the KVKs include conducting on-farm trials, front line demonstrations, training of farmers and extension personnel.

During the last one year, these KVKs have conducted 4109 on-farm trials, organized 53,974 frontline demonstrations, 40,672 training programmes with the participation of 9.75 lakh farmers and 0.97 lakh extension personnel. In addition, the KVKs produced 8278 tonnes seed and 71.98 lakh planting material for availability to the farmers. In order to create awareness on improved agricultural technologies, the KVKs conducted various extension activities benefiting 41.90 lakh farmers.

***Statement***

*State-wise list of number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) sanctioned as on 30.4.2007*

| Sl. No. | State/Union Territory | No. of KVKs |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 1 |
| 2. | Andhra Pradesh | 22 |
| 3. | Arunachal Pradesh | 12 |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 4. | Assam | 20 |
| 5. | Bihar | 37 |
| 6. | Chhattisgarh | 11 |
| 7. | Delhi | 1 |
| 8. | Goa | 2 |
| 9. | Gujarat | 23 |
| 10. | Haryana | 18 |
| 11. | Himachal Pradesh | 12 |
| 12. | Jammu and Kashmir | 14 |
| 13. | Jharkhand | 21 |
| 14. | Karnataka | 26 |
| 15. | Kerala | 14 |
| 16. | Lakshadweep | 1 |
| 17. | Madhya Pradesh | 46 |
| 18. | Maharashtra | 33 |
| 19. | Manipur | 8 |
| 20. | Meghalaya | 5 |
| 21. | Mizoram | 8 |
| 22. | Nagaland | 8 |
| 23. | Orissa | 29 |
| 24. | Pondicherry | 2 |
| 25. | Punjab | 17 |
| 26. | Rajasthan | 32 |
| 27. | Sikkim | 4 |
| 28. | Tamil Nadu | 29 |
| 29. | Tripura | 4 |
| 30. | Uttar Pradesh | 61 |
| 31. | Uttaranchal | 13 |
| 32. | West Bengal | 17 |
| | TOTAL : | 551 |